

Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization  
Proposed Award of Funding for  
Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Services

2018-2021

**Notice of Public Comment Period for Proposed Award of Project Funding**

Kootenai Metropolitan Planning Organization (KMPO), as the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for Kootenai County, works in collaboration with the Idaho Transportation Department and the other four MPO's around the State of Idaho to conduct the call for applications, prioritization, and then selection of programs or projects that desire to utilize Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 small urban funds for elderly and disabled services into and within the Coeur d' Alene Urbanized Area.

The purpose of these funds is to improve mobility for seniors and individuals with disabilities by removing barriers to transportation service and expanding transportation mobility options. These program funds support transportation services planned, designed, and carried out to meet the special transportation needs of seniors and individuals within smaller urbanized areas with a population between 50,000 and 200,000. Eligible projects include both traditional operations and capital investments, as well as nontraditional investments, beyond the ADA complementary paratransit services.

**Proposed Project: Kootenai County Transit Ring a Ride Program**

**Scope of Work**

Kootenai County Transit will provide professional transportation services related to meeting identified needs of seniors and individuals with disabilities. These services will focus on the provision of safe and reliable transportation.

1. Several multi-family housing communities in Post Falls with large populations of disabled and seniors, of which many have fixed and/or low-income.
2. The area of Tullamore located in Post Falls contains a large number of mixed income housing, which includes low-income housing and a retirement community. Over the past three years, we have had many requests for transportation services in this area.
3. Straddling the Southern Hayden and Northern Coeur d'Alene areas there is a corridor, which contains Tesh and Community Action Partnership. These service agencies have repeatedly requested coverage.

Please note: Kootenai Transit is actively working with Tesh to explore a "Ride-to-Work Program for a number of individuals who have employment opportunities but lack transportation.

4. An underserved residential area east Coeur d'Alene and south of Dalton Gardens, which contains elderly, individuals with disabilities, and low-income residents.

**Service Hours**

Monday through Friday

6:00AM to 7:00PM

Saturday 9:00AM to 4:00PM

Service is not provided: Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Labor Day

**Proposed Budget**

<b>Purchase of Service:</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Federal 5310</b>	<b>Local Match</b>
	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$ 50,000</b>

**Relevant Information:**

**Comment Period:** The application period will be open from May 5, 2018 until June 5, 2018 5:00 p.m. local time.

**Copy of Application:** The application can be found on the KMPO website at [www.kmpo.net](http://www.kmpo.net) or by contacting KMPO at (208) 930-4164 or [giles@kmpo.net](mailto:giles@kmpo.net)

**Funding Availability:** KMPO estimates there will be sufficient Federal funding available during the time covered by the application and the proposed grant award notification is expected to be given by June 2018.

**Contact for additional information or questions:**

Since KMPO is conducting the Section 5310 Small Urban call for projects of behalf of the ITD Public Transportation Office, you can contact either Glenn Miles at [giles@kmpo.net](mailto:giles@kmpo.net) (208) 930-4164 or Kim McGourty at [kim.mcgourty@itd.idaho.gov](mailto:kim.mcgourty@itd.idaho.gov) or 208-334-4475 The ITD Public Transportation Office can address specific grant eligibilities or grant requirements.

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